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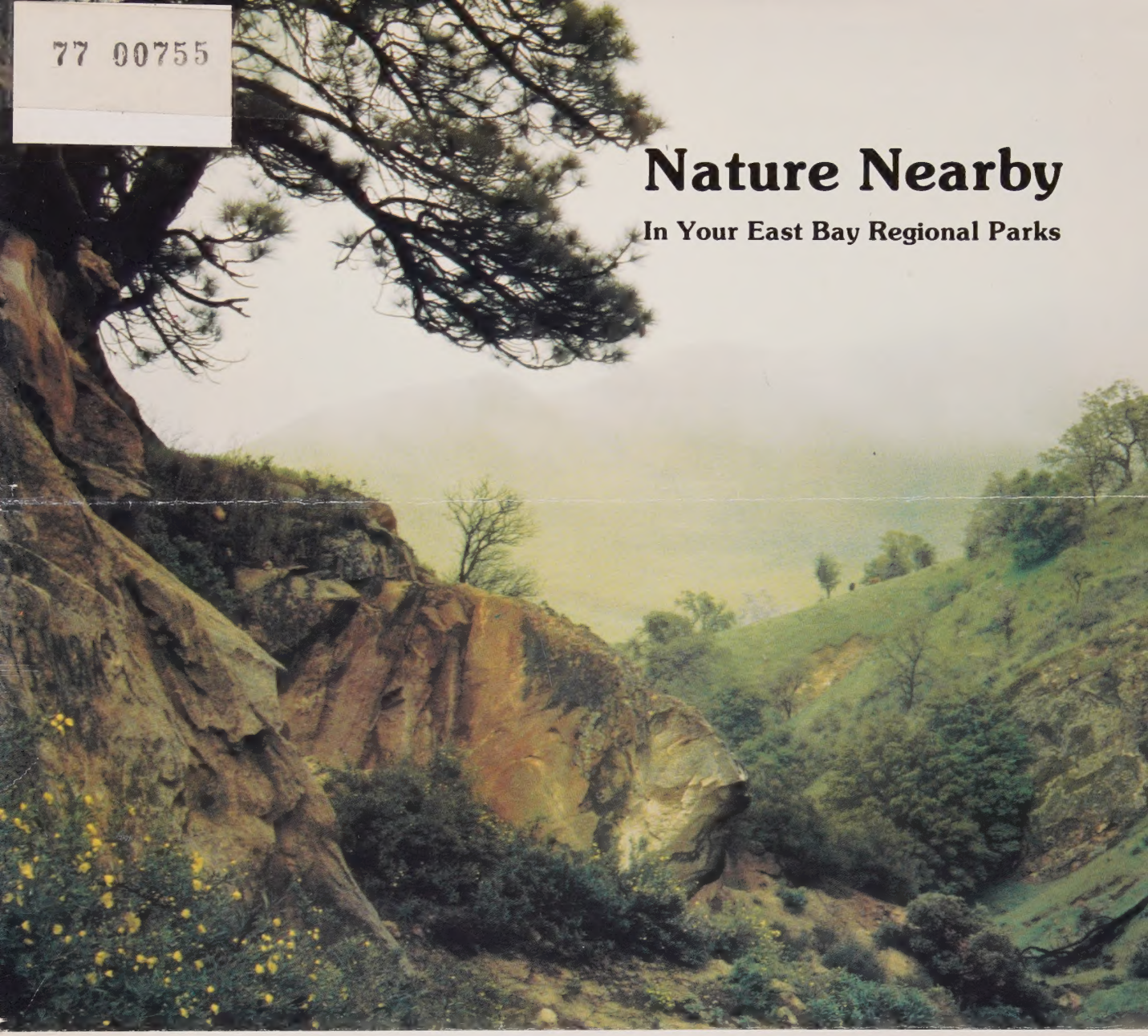

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There's Nature Nearby In Your East Bay Regional Parks

Almost in your backyard and ready for you to sample are some 40,797 acres of parklands operated by the two-county East Bay Regional Park District. Stretching from Contra Loma Regional Park to the northeast near Antioch; Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline to the west; and Sunol Regional Wilderness and Del Valle Regional Park to the south, the 36 parks (27 operational) offer a tempting blend of recreational opportunities. There are tree-studded rolling hills and mountains, bay beaches, lakes, streams and meadows. Each Regional Park has a distinct character of its own; to visit one is to want to see them all.

Nine million "visitor days" were logged in the parks in 1975.

The Park District was founded in 1934. In 1972, by legislative mandate the Park District began a 10-year land acquisition program to establish an open space and parkland heritage before inflationary pressures and the bulldozer made it impossible to do so. The "blueprint" for this program is the Park District Master Plan adopted in December, 1973. A public-spirited Park Advisory Committee is assisting in the work.

Find Your Favorite Place for Fun and Recreation

Alameda Creek Quarries Regional Recreation Area—A total of 290 water-oriented acres in the Niles area of Fremont. As of 1976, the acreage, which currently presents many hazards, is being held in *land bank* status pending development and elimination of dangers. Parklands will be created from derelict sand and gravel pits.

Alameda Creek Regional Trail—A total of 326 acres in the form of parallel trails extending 11.4 miles for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. They follow the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel through portions of Fremont, Newark and Union City extending from Coyote Hills Regional Park to the mouth of Niles Canyon. The hiking-bicycle and equestrian segments are on opposite sides of the channel. Staging areas and sanitary facilities provided.

Berkeley Open Space Regional Preserve—Eighty acres of Berkeley-Oakland hill land lying immediately east of the California School for the Blind and above the University of California Memorial Stadium, with a magnificent view of the Golden Gate. To be held as an open space reserve with minimal development.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve—A total of 2763 acres on the flanks of Mt. Diablo, south of the cities of Antioch and Pittsburg. Hiking, nature study, picnicking, photography, century-old Rose Hill cemetery, vista points, coal and silica sand mining sites. Encompasses vestiges of the Somersville and Stewartsville mining areas.

Briones Regional Park—A total of 3952 acres in wooded and grassy rolling hills lying generally between the towns of Orinda, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill and Martinez. Hiking, picnicking, nature study, equestrian trails, archery range, children's environmental play area. Youth group camping and two youth camp shelters available by reservation. Primarily a natural area.

Brooks Island Regional Preserve—This 45-acre island off Richmond's Inner Harbor is in the process of planning for limited group use by reservation. Current considerations are the fragile environment and the 2500-year-old Indian shellmounds. Practical access solutions, potable water and suitable sanitation are the most immediate problems.

Don Castro Regional Recreation Area*—100 acres between Castro Valley and Hayward. Swimming in lagoon, sandy beach, bathhouse complex, lake fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, turfed area. Limited horseback riding.

Anthony Chabot Regional Park and Lake Chabot—Oakland-San Leandro, 4908 acres. Equestrian Center with horses for rent, hiking, equestrian trails, a marksmanship range, archery, 67 acre motorcycle hill area, family picnic areas, YMCA shelter and youth group camping areas by reservation. Accessible by East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail. **Las Cumbres Family Camp** with 70 camp sites at $1.50 per night. 18 hole Willow Park Public Golf Course*, driving range, swimming pool. **Lake Chabot***, 315 acres with a marina complex, fishing, rental boats, sightseeing launch, picnic areas, hiking and bicycle trail.

Contra Loma Regional Park*—One mile south of Antioch, 772 acres: Swimming, sandy beach, fishing, hiking, picnicking, boating, turfed area, equestrian trials.

Coyote Hills Regional Park—In Fremont and near Newark, Union City and the eastern approach to the Dumbarton Bridge, 907 acres: Hiking, bicycle trails, radio-controlled model glider and kite flying, bird watching, picnicking, nature program, boardwalk view areas in fresh water marsh; guided tours of 2000-year-old protected Indian shellmounds. Access to Alameda Creek Trail.

*Indicates food concession

Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach* — Alameda, 383 acres. Bathhouse, youth group day camping, large turfed area, 2.5 miles of beach, wading, sunbathing, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, nature program. Innovative "Old Wharf" nature study classroom and Visitor Center.

Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Area* — Castro Valley, 100 acres. Swimming in lagoon, sandy beach, turfed area, bathhouse complex, lake fishing, boating (electric motors permitted, no launching ramp), group and family picnic areas, playfield, volley ball court, horseshoe pits, hiking and equestrian trails.

Del Valle Regional Park* — 8 miles south of Livermore, 3445 acres including a 750 acre lake. Fishing, swimming, four-lane boat launching ramp, sail boating, rental boats, tour boat, motor boats limited to 10 miles-per-hour top speed, picnicking, hiking, equestrian trails, turfed areas, family campsites, youth group camp areas, visitors' center. **Fee schedule:** Feb. 1 through Oct. 31 — Day Use Fee $1.50 per vehicle, buses $6, boat launching $1, camping $5 per vehicle/site/day. Nov. 1 through Jan. 31 — Day Use $1, buses $3, camping $2.50. Campers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult member of the family.

Garin Regional Park — A total of 696 acres south of Hayward with spectacular vistas of the South Bay area, picnicking, hiking and horseback trails, wildflowers in season. Additional development planned.

Huckleberry Botanic Preserve — 98 acres in the Contra Costa County hills beyond Skyline Boulevard. Many rare and beautiful native plants grow in the preserve which commands spectacular views of Mt. Diablo to the east.

Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area — 95 acres near El Sobrante. Entire park or portions thereof presently available by group reservation only. Group picnic areas, hiking, day camping, large turfed area.

Las Trampas Regional Wilderness — A total of 3111 acres in hills immediately west of Danville and Alamo, reached via Bollinger Canyon Rd. Wilderness area, hiking and horseback riding trails, picnicking.

George Miller Jr. Regional Shoreline — Some 65 hill and shoreline acres at Pt. Richmond. Following development, this will ultimately provide a multi-million dollar park facility. Currently, the shoreline affords opportunities for fishing, strolling and sightseeing. Spectacular views from the hill areas of this park.

Morgan Territory Regional Preserve — A total of 970 acres southeast of Clayton and north of Livermore constituting wild table lands, picturesque cliffs and gently rolling hills. As of 1976, the acreage was being held in *land bank* status pending development.

Camp Ohlone — 7 miles east of Sunol Regional Wilderness, 216 acres of remote, primitive area. Youth group camping on reservation basis only, horseback riding, Nature Education Camp in summer.

Camp Parks Regional Land Bank — 445 acres north of Pleasanton and Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area and east of San Ramon. The park is being held in *land bank* status as of 1976. It affords a spectacular 360-degree view of the tri-valley area. Development is pending.

Pt. Isabel Regional Shoreline — 21 acres on the bay in the South Richmond area. Spectacular views of the Golden Gate and Marin County. Bird watching, picnicking, fishing, bicycle trail, strolling, large turfed areas, one half a mile of shoreline.

Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline — A total of 1164 acres on the Richmond shoreline of San Pablo Bay. Shuttle service from the parking lot to the Point on weekends and holidays during the summer. A total of four miles of shoreline including sand and pebble beaches. Bicycle trail, hiking, picnicking, fishing, nature study, childrens' play area, spectacular vistas of the bay and Marin County shore.

Redwood Regional Park — Oakland, 2162 acres. Group and family picnic areas, archery range, equestrian hunt field, hiking and equestrian trials, play fields, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, children's play area, amphitheatre fire circle, overnight youth group camping by reservation. Accessible by East Bay Skyline National Trail. Weekend and holiday parking fee, 25¢. Free weekend shuttle service from parking lot to picnic areas in summer months.

Roberts Regional Recreation Area* — Oakland, 88 acres (an exclave in Redwood Regional Park). Bathhouse and heated outdoor swimming pool, group and family picnic areas, play fields, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, children's playground, fire circle. Parking fee 50¢.

Robert Sibley Regional Preserve — Oakland, 227 acres. Undeveloped open space area except for hiking and equestrian trails. Unparalleled vistas of back country.

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area* — Pleasanton, 249 acres. Swimming, boating, bathhouse complex, sandy beach, turfed area, hiking trails, 74 acre lake, fishing docks, boat rentals, picnicking sites.

Sunol Regional Wilderness — South of Pleasanton-Livermore, 3479 acres. Group and family picnic areas, limited number of camp sites at $1.50 per night, hiking

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and equestrian trails, archery range, Nature Center and nature programs, youth group sites. "Star parties" (astronomy) held in Las Encinas meadow. Fifty cent vehicle entrance fee weekends and holidays.

Temescal Regional Recreation Area* —Oakland, 48 acres. Swimming, sandy beach, bathhouse, large turfed area, fishing, picnic areas, children's play area, hiking trail, group picnicking reservation site.

Charles Lee Tilden Regional Park—Berkeley, 2065 acres. At Lake Anza*—Swimming, sandy beach, bathhouse complex, large turfed area. At Environmental Education Center and Nature Area—nature programs, varied exhibits, puppet shows, Little Farm, Jewel Lake, all weather nature trails. At Public Golf Course complex*—18-hole course, driving range, pro-shop, Tee Clubhouse. In other park areas Merry-go-round* and childrens' playground, Golden Gate Live Steamers (scale model steam locomotives), pony ride, children's playground, miniature steam railway, California Native Plant Botanic Garden and Visitor Center, archery range, group, family picnic areas, youth group camping areas, tennis courts, reservable facilities for social affairs and meetings at the Brazil Building, hiking and equestrian trails, dog run, Rotary Peace Grove, Inspiration Point, play fields, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, amphitheatre, Camp Fire Girls shelter, available to others by reservation.

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park—Adjacent to north end of Tilden Park, 2045 acres. Hiking and equestrian trails, picnicking, day camping, nature programs.

Little Hills Ranch Regional Recreation Area (tentative name, subject to change) — 100 acres in Bollinger Canyon west of Danville and San Ramon. Swimming pool, large stable area and covered arena, two pavilions, turfed area for sports, barbecue and picnic facilities. Action on purchase of this property was being taken as this was written and currently, only advance group reservations are taken, but this program may be modified. The area is adjacent to Las Trampas Wilderness.

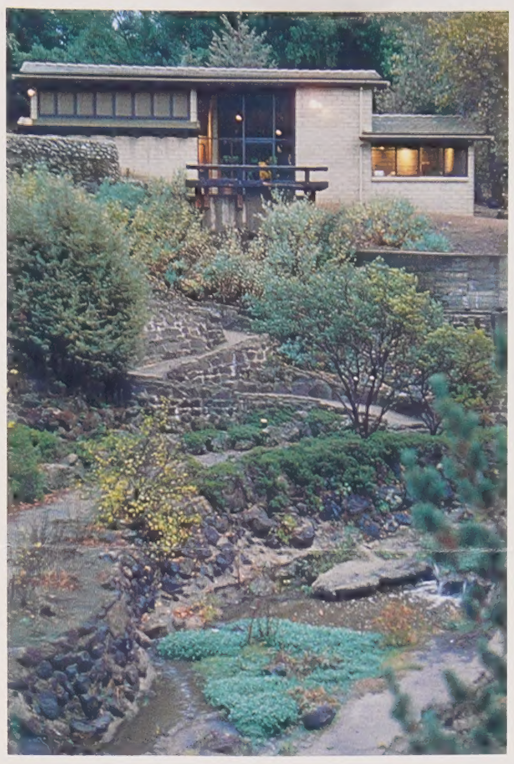
Martinez Waterfront Regional Shoreline — This 308-acre park will be jointly developed by EBRPD and the City of Martinez following clearance of land title difficulties. The park constitutes 148 acres of sub-tidal lands and 160 acres of dry and marsh lands. There will be 4,400 feet of shoreline. The Park District's sector will largely be devoted to passive, minimum-development, nature oriented activities. The city will develop more concentrated recreational facilities with structured sports and play zones.

Mission Peak Regional Preserve —Some 608 acres of vista point land atop 2517-foot Mission Peak, dominant landmark in Alameda County's South Bay area. The peak, which lies immediately east of Mission San Jose, offers a spectacular panorama to the hiker which includes the southern arm of San Francisco and the area from San Jose to Mt. Tamalpais and to the east, Mt. Diablo, the San Ramon Valley and the Hamilton Range. Action on final purchase of this property was being taken as this was written. Not open.

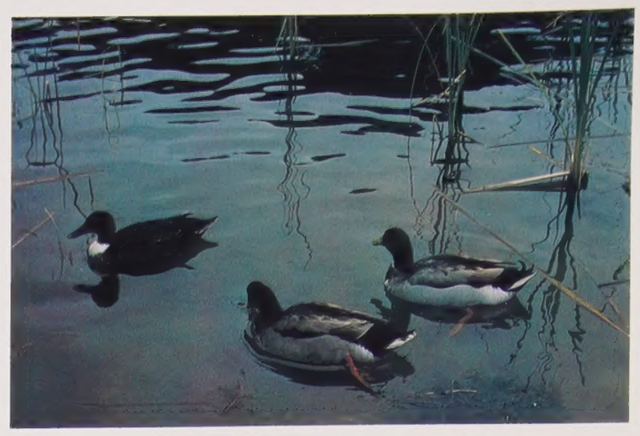
Ridgelands Regional Wilderness (tentative name, subject to change) — Some 4236 acres of primitive southeastern Alameda County wilderness area lying about midway between Sunol Regional Wilderness and Del Valle Regional Park. Within its boundaries is 3817-foot Rose Peak, highest in the Park District. No public access is available now although the Park District has an easement permitting entry; the acreage will be held in *land bank* status for the time being. Action on final purchase of the property was being taken as this was written.

San Leandro Bay Regional Shoreline — Although this 565-acre water-oriented park, virtually ringed by great cities, is still in the planning stages following signing of a lease, it will ultimately offer a six to eight-mile waterside trail, three fishing docks, launching ramp and marina; bird observation tower; irrigated turfed areas; picnic units and snack stands.

ARCHERY	Briones, A. Chabot, Redwood, Sunol, Tilden
BEACHES	R.W. Crown, Cull, Contra Loma, Del Valle, Don Castro, Pt. Pinole, Shadow Cliffs, Temescal, Tilden (Anza)
BICYCLING	Alameda Creek Trail, Lake Chabot, Coyote Hills, Pt. Isabel, Pt. Pinole Shadow Cliffs, Tilden
BOATING	Lake Chabot, Contra Loma, Cull, Del Valle, Don Castro, Shadow Cliffs
FAMILY CAMPS	A. Chabot (Las Cumbres Family Camp), Del Valle, Sunol (first come, first served basis)
FISHING	Lake Chabot, Contra Loma, R.W. Crown, Cull, Del Valle, Don Castro, Pt. Isabel, Pt. Pinole, Shadow Cliffs, Temescal
GOLF	A. Chabot (Willow Park Public Golf Course), Tilden (leased facilities)
HIKING	All Parklands
HORSE TRAILS	All parks except Berkeley Open Space, Brooks Island, Coyote Hills, R.W. Crown, Huckleberry, Kennedy Grove, Pt. Isabel, Temescal
LAKES	Chabot, Contra Loma, Cull, Del Valle, Don Castro, Shadow Cliffs, Temescal, Tilden (Anza, Jewel)
LITTLE FARM	Tilden
MARKSMANSHIP	Only at A. Chabot Marksmanship Range
MEETING ROOMS	Tilden
MERRY-GO-ROUND	Tilden
MODEL BOATS	Shadow Cliffs
MODEL RAILWAYS	Tilden
NATURE PROGRAMS	Coyote Hills, R.W. Crown, Sunol, Tilden
PICNICKING	All Parklands
PONY RIDES	Tilden and A. Chabot Equestrian Center
SWIMMING	A. Chabot (Willow Park Public Golf Course), Contra Loma, R.W. Crown, Cull, Del Valle, Don Castro, Roberts, Shadow Cliffs, Temescal, Tilden (Anza)

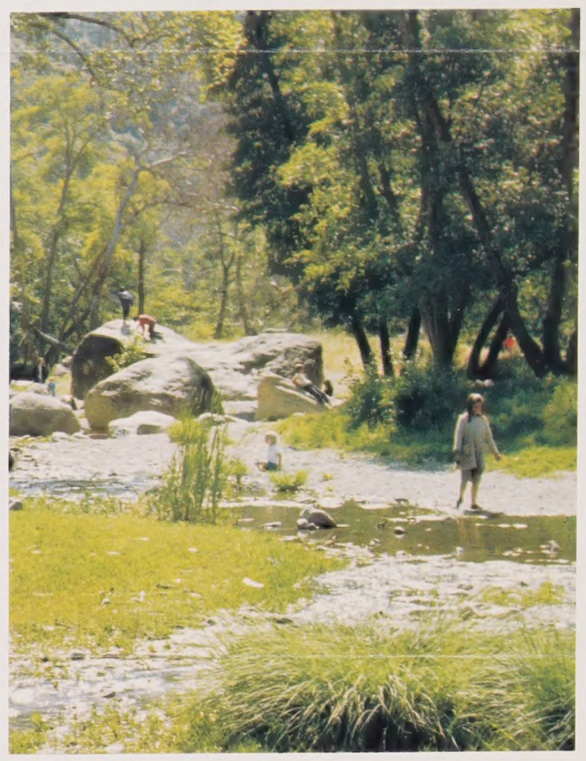


See the California landscape in capsule at the California Native Plant Botanic Garden in Tilden.



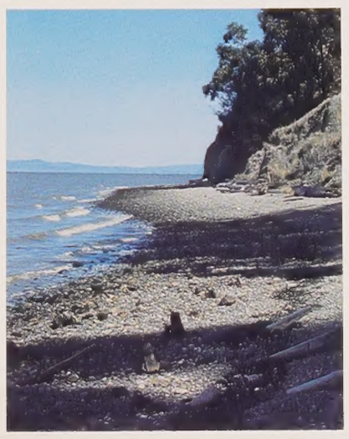
Drift along a boating lake. Watch the sunset at Lake Chabot.

Wander the wilderness at Sunol.

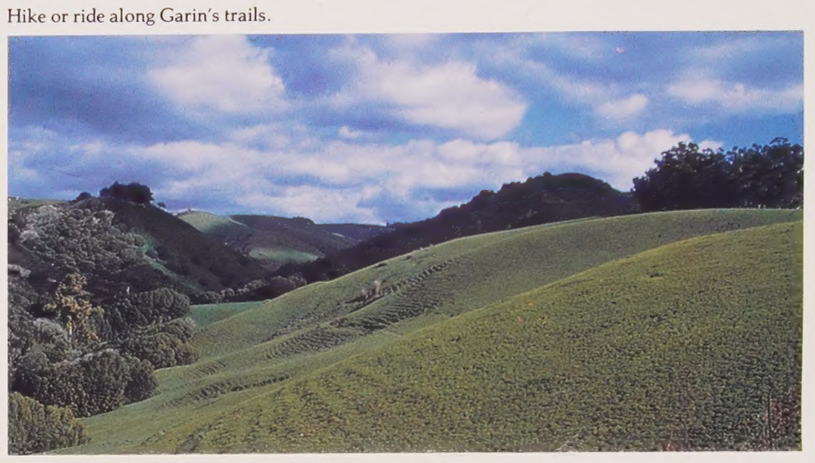


Hit a volleyball.

Comb the beach at Pt. Pinole.



Hike or ride along Garin's trails.



Arrange a naturalist-guided activity, or visit the Tilden Environmental Education Center.

Sail in your catamaran... or a rental sailboat at Del Valle.

Camp overnight at one of three campgrounds.

Take a hike into history at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve.

Fish along a Regional Shoreline or at one of the fishing lakes.

Try the putting greens at two park golf courses.

Swim, boat, soak in the sun at your Regional lakes and beaches.

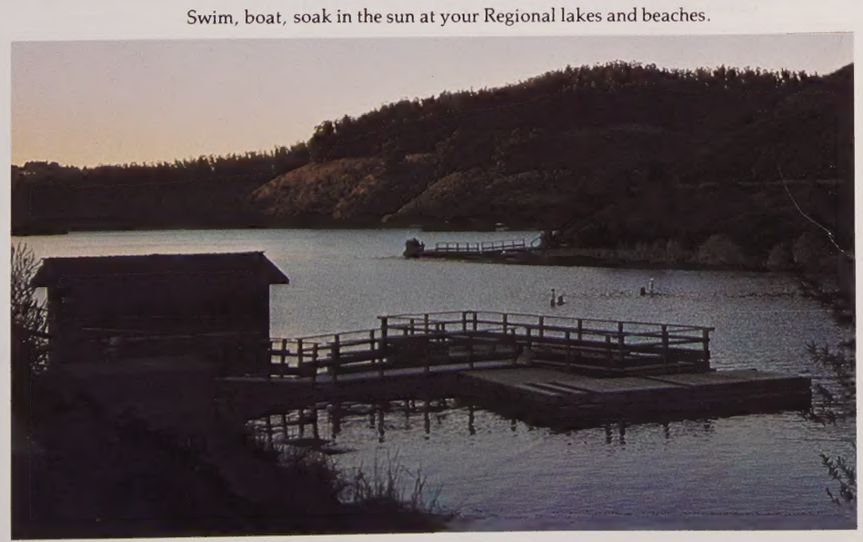
Ride on more than 350 miles of trails spread throughout the parklands.

Bicycle along special trails in six regional parks.

Take a picnic to any park.

Hike to the interior of Briones.

Boat, fish, picnic, in your Regional Parks.



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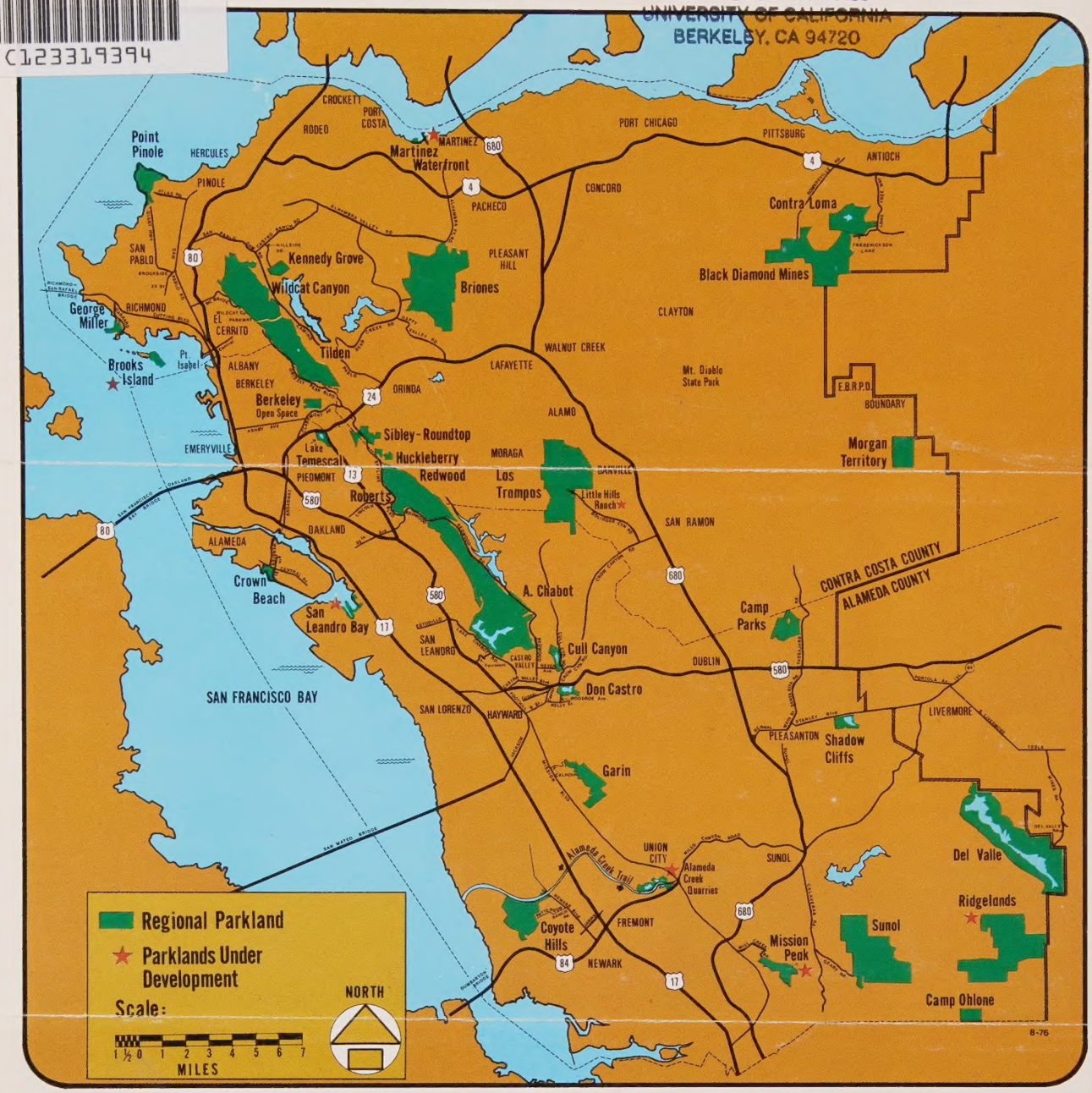

RESERVATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Reservations for group picnic areas, youth group day and overnight camping, meeting rooms. Reservation Hostess	531-9043
General Information	531-9300
Naturalist Services:	
Tilden Environmental Education Center, Nature Area	525-2233
Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach	525-2233
Sunol Nature Center	862-2244
Coyote Hills Visitor Center	471-4967
Golf Reservations: Tilden	848-7461
Willow Park (A. Chabot)	537-2521
Equestrian Center (A. Chabot)	569-4428
Marksmanship Range (A. Chabot)	569-0213
Merry-go-round (Tilden)	524-6283
Pony Rides: Tilden	525-8022
Anthony Chabot	569-4428
Little Train (Tilden)	531-9300
Public Safety Department (Business)	531-9300
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